Reliable wind data for insurance contracts

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The Met Office is using its expertise as a world leading provider of weather and climate services to help companies manage the impacts of low wind.

A new service called Site Wind Index provides 30 years of climatology data detailing hourly wind speeds for specific sites and heights which is updated monthly and annually.

It offers a consistent dataset for setting boundaries of high and low wind at any location, and therefore providing a baseline for setting low wind insurance contracts.

Alasdair Skea, Met Office Renewables Applications team manager, said: "Low wind insurance contracts need a consistent, reliable, accurate and prompt way of setting boundaries and settling claims.

"By using our in-house data and modelling, underpinned by our world class science, Site Wind Index provides long-term consistency for the duration of contracts, so customers can feel completely confident in the consistency of the data they will be provided."

Alasdair will be speaking about wind forecasting capabilities at the European meeting for the Weather Risk Management Association on Wednesday 19 September 2012. He will speak as part of the Renewables Panel: Elements of Risk Concerned with Wind Power.

There is more information on Site Wind Index on the Met Office's website or anyone wanting to discuss how we can help manage the impacts of low wind can call 01392 885680 or email.

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